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## Office Action Summary

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HONG ET AL.

**Examiner**

Tu X Nguyen

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/30/01.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1-2, 7-10, 15, 19, 21-29, 33-34, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663).

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Sawada et al. disclose an electronic apparatus comprising:

an electronic device including a body (see 21, fig.8); and

a battery (22) coupled to the body to supply current to said electronic device, said battery further comprising a memory unit (42,43, fig.8 ) to store information (see par. 0041, 0055).

Regarding claims 2, 10 and 25, Sawada et al. disclose said battery further comprises a primary power (see par.0039, 0055) connection to connect to said electronic device, and a secondary power output port to connect to another device to supply current thereto (see par.0046, "jack 25" corresponding to "output port" and "the head receiver 4" is inherently supplied current by battery pack 22 in order to hear audio signals).

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Regarding claims 7 and 15, Sawada et al. disclose the memory unit comprises a disk drive using a disk as a recording medium (see par.0019, ATRAC, MPEG 3 corresponds to "disk drive using a disk as a recording medium").

Regarding claims 8 and 19, Sawada et al. disclose the disk is detachable from the memory unit (see par.0015, 0019).

Regarding claim 34, Sawada et al. disclose everything as claim 7 and 8 above.

Regarding claims 21 and 33, Sawada et al. disclose battery unit supplies the stored energy to said memory unit (see par.0050).

Regarding claims 22 and 24, Sawada et al. disclose power connectors (inherently) to connect said battery unit to the electronic device to supply the stored energy to the electronic device (see par.005).

Regarding claim 23, Sawada et al. disclose everything as claim 1 above. More specifically, Sawada et al. disclose forming a communication pathway between the electronic apparatus and the memory unit to transfer information between the electronic device and the memory unit (see par.0041).

Regarding claim 26, Sawada et al. disclose the electronic apparatus and the another electronic apparatus are connected to the battery at the same time (see par.0044, Sawada et al. do not mention the mobile unit 21 has to be disconnected in order the device 4 connecting to battery 22. Therefore, it is inherently that the device 21 and 4 are connected to the battery at the same time).

Regarding claims 27, Sawada et al. disclose both the electronic apparatus and the another electronic apparatus are not connected to the battery at the same time (see

par.0019 and 22, fig.8, the battery 22 is an independent unit with its own CPU.

Therefore, it is self functioned, playing music with headphone on, without the portable unit 21 attach thereto).

Regarding claims 28, Sawada et al. disclose detaching the batter from the electronic apparatus prior to said connecting the another electronic apparatus to the battery (see par.0019 and 22, fig.8, the battery 22 is an independent unit with its own CPU. Therefore, it is self functioned, playing music with headphone on prior to connect to anther electronic apparatus).

Regarding claim 29, Sawada et al. disclose the electronic apparatus and the another electronic apparatus are of the same kind (se par.0019).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3 and 11, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663) in view of Cooper (US Patent 5,771,448).

Regarding claims 3 and 11 Sawada et al. fail to disclose a communication port to connect the memory unit to another device to exchange information with the another device".

Cooper disclose a communication port to connect the memory unit to another device to exchange information with the another device" (see col.6 lines 30-34).

Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sawada et al. with the above teaching of Cooper in order to enable an external computer to read and write to battery pack's memory.

5. Claims 4-5 and 12-13, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663) in view of Cooper and further in view of Johnson et al. (US Patent 6,524,122).

Regarding claims 4, 12, Sawada et al. fail to disclose communication port is installed to slide so that a free end of the communication port protrudes to connect to another device.

Johnson et al. disclose communication port is installed to slide so that a free end of the communication port protrudes to connect to another device (see fig.3, 4 and col.7 lines 37-60). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sawada et al. and Cooper with the above teaching of Johnson et al. in order to provide a torsion spring that helps the connector retractable and extractable smoothly.

Regarding claims 5 and 13, Sawada et al. fail to disclose communication port is disposed to be flipped out from a body of said battery at a predetermined angle.

Johnson et al. disclose communication port is disposed to be flipped out from a body of said battery at a predetermined angle (see col.5 lines 49-55). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sawada et al. and Cooper with the above teaching of Johnson et al. in order to provide a retractable connector that can be used in variety of desired position including various angles.

6. Claims 6 and 14, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663) in view of Miyoshi et al. (US Pub. 2001/0044331).

Regarding claims 6 and 14, Sawada et al. fail to disclose the memory unit is detachable from said battery.

Miyoshi et al. disclose the memory unit is detachable from said battery (see par.0039). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sawada et al. with the above teaching of Miyoshi et al. in order to provide a memory can be installed freely and also capable of supporting data write to the memory of the cellular phone (as suggested by Miyoshi et al. see par.0002).

7. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663) in view of Tringali et al. (US Patent 6,545,891)

Regarding claim 20, Sawada et al. disclose communication pathway between memory unit and the electronic device (see par.0041). However, Sawada et al. fail to disclose a printed circuit board.

Tringali et al. disclose a printed circuit board (see col.2 lines 24-27). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sawada et al. with the above teaching of Tringali et al. in order to provide memory device with support elements to plug/contact with other electronic device.

9. A battery for an electronic device, comprising: a memory unit to store information; and a battery unit to store energy and which is connected to said memory unit, wherein the battery is detachable from the electronic device.

8. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada et al. (US Pub 2001/0021663).

Regarding claim 30, Sawada et al. disclose everything as claim 1 above. However Sawada et al. do not mention connecting the electronic apparatus to another battery. The examiner takes an Official notice that the concept connecting the electronic apparatus to another battery is well known in the art. It would have been obvious the mobile unit 1, fig.1 is a complete independent unit that being power supply by any other conventional battery pack that has no memory as long as the battery pack provide with appropriate connection, wattage, voltage, current, etc.



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### Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-3427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MAUNG NAY A, can be reached at (703) 308-7745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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